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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN MEETING ON CAMBODIA

REF: JAKARTA 0190

1. DURING COURSE INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S RECEPTION JANUARY 8, I SPENT SOME TIME IN CONVERSATION WITH INDONESIAN UN REP SANI AND GENERAL SUNARSO, WHO ACTS AS FOREIGN OFFICE SPECIALIST ON CHINA. SANI INFORMED ME THAT MALIK HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE MANILA TO CONVENE MEETING OF SENIOR INDONESIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CAMBODIA. THEIR MEETING CENTERED ON PROBLEM OF CATALYZING NEGOTIATIONS AMONG CAMBODIAN FACTIONS, AS WELL AS ULTIMATE ISSUE OF PRESERVING KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS IN 1975 UNGA.

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2. CONFIRMING AND EXPANDING ON INFORMATION CONTAINED

PARA 4 REFTTEL, SANI SAID THAT CONFEREES HAD DECIDED ON ALGERIA AS BEST INTERMEDIARY IN EFFORT INDUCE SIHANOUK TO ABANDON HIS CURRENT RIGID POSITION AGAINST NEGOTIATIONS. SELECTION OF ALGERIA BASED ON INDONESIAN ASSESSMENT OF CLOSE TIES BETWEEN BOUMEDIENE AND SIHANOUK, AS WELL AS GOOD RAPPORT ESTABLISHED AT LAST UNGA BETWEEN BOUTEFLIKA AND LONG BORET. ACCORDING TO SANI, BOUTEFLIKA OFFERED LONG BORET ALGIERS AS SITE FOR ANY NEGOTIATIONS THAT MIGHT ENSUE FROM UNGA VOTE.

3. IN PURSUIT OF THIS DECISION, SANI SAID MALIK WILL ATTEND OPEC MEETING IN ALGIERS AND WILL SEEK PERSUADE ALGERIANS TO INVITE SIHANOUK FOR DISCUSSIONS IN ATMOSPHERE WHERE HE WOULD BE OUT OF RANGE OF PERVASIVE NEGATIVE INFLUENCE FROM PEKING AND HANOI. MALIK WILL SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS "AT ARM'S LENGTH" BETWEEN SIHANOUK AND LONG BORET.

4. INDONESIA SAID THEY INTEND TO KEEP WALDHEIM INFORMED OF THEIR INITIATIVE AND EXPECT THAT SECGEN MAY BE ABLE PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AT LATER DATE. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, THEY SAID THEY HAD IMPRESSION WALDHEIM WOULD REACT VERY CAREFULLY AND CAUTIOUSLY. SULLIVAN

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